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NEWS and VIEWS 17/21

2 May 2021

Fifth Sunday of Easter (B) Vol II psalter week 1

This Sunday's Readings:

Acts of the Apostles 9:26-31

Psalm 21:26-28.30-32

1 Jn 3:18-24

John 15:1-8

OPENING OF THE CHURCH

The church is open to welcome you on weekdays for Mass at 10am and 6.30pm and from 10.30am -12 noon for private prayer.

Sunday Masses will be the Vigil Mass on Saturday evening at 6.30pm and on Sunday Masses at 10am, 12noon, 5pm and 8pm.

Confessions are available on Saturdays 10.30 - 11.30pm and 6 - 6.20pm.

Masses will also continue to be live-streamed daily on <https://www.churchservices.tv/wimbledon> at the following times: Sundays 10am & 8pm, weekdays including Saturdays 10am & 6.30pm.

You are asked to wear face masks and use hand gel when entering the church. Please bring your completed *Track & Trace* form with you. Alternatively, download the NHS COVID-19 app and scan it (scanning codes are on the pillars by the rear tables). Please continue to comply with our stewards who so generously give up their time each week. Thank you for your cooperation.

For further information please visit the parish website <https://www.sacredheartwimbledon.org.uk> or telephone the Presbytery (020 8946 0305) between 9.30am and 4pm on weekdays.

Please note that Monday 3 May is a Bank Holiday; Mass will only be celebrated at 10am.

VOLUNTEERS

Thank you to all those who have volunteered to act as stewards to enable the church to be kept open for Mass and private prayer. If you would like to help, please contact Alison Lobo at radar1972@hotmail.com or call 07711 583 414.

IN NEED OF PRAYERS

Please pray for those who are sick, Nancy Drapper, Christopher Browne, Patricia Small, Electa Almeida, Catherine Gap, Patricia Codd, Justin Pedler, Maria Moniz, Simon Wood, Pamela Hannigan, Samar Staussi, David Carrier, Oscar Carrier-Sippy, Andrew Tan, Ian Parr, Harriette Cahill and Paul Saunders.

We pray for those who have died recently, and all who have died due to the effects of the Coronavirus, Emma Rugless, Pompeo Sangiuolo, Margaret O'Reilly and Margaret O'Donnell.

We remember all whose anniversary occurs at this time: Mary Howlin, Peter John Tolley, Anne Josephine Mulhern, Margaret Lyons and Joan Mary Berner.

The Funeral Mass for Margaret O'Reilly will be celebrated on Friday 7 May at 12pm.

May their souls and the souls of all the faithful departed through the mercy of God rest in peace. Amen.

PLACE SUNDAY MASS AT THE HEART OF POST-PANDEMIC LIVES

During their spring plenary meeting, the Catholic Bishops of England and Wales have issued a reflection on post-pandemic recovery and the challenges faced by the Church in encouraging people back to the Church and her Sacraments. Bishops motivate Catholics to place Sunday Mass at the heart of their post-pandemic lives.

In a reflection titled *The Day of the Lord*, the Bishops also praise families, parish communities and those who have worked tirelessly in hospitals, care homes, schools and prisons during these challenging times of ill-health, grief and isolation. To read the reflection in full please visit <https://www.cbcew.org.uk/bishops-encourage-catholics-to-place-sunday-mass-at-the-heart-of-their-post-pandemic-lives/>. For those without access to the internet, there will be a limited number of printed copies of the document available at the back of the church.

4 MAY - DAY OF PRAYER WITH VICTIMS AND SURVIVORS OF ABUSE

The Day of Prayer with the Victims and Survivors of Abuse is marked in England and Wales on Tuesday 4 May. The day itself is an important initiative that was proposed by the Pontifical Commission for the Protection of Minors. The '*Let's be Honest Group*', a group set up to support survivor-centred initiatives such as this, has been asked to provide resources and prayers for the day. These can be found on the Bishops' Conference website (<https://www.cbcew.org.uk/new-date-for-the-day-of-prayer-for-the-victims-and-survivors-of-abuse/>)

After the 10am Mass until 12 noon, there will be time of led prayer after Exposition in our church, prayer cards for people to pray for the intentions of this day will be made available.

From 8pm we will lead a Holy Hour in the church with prayers provided by the Bishops' Conference, and the Sacrament of Reconciliation will also be available.

PARISH BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT

So many people have suffered bereavement during the Covid-19 restrictions.

Many were unable to be with loved ones as they died. Lockdown prevented attendance at funerals of family and friends. Some are still locked into the grief which is added to the isolation which everyone has experienced.

The Bereavement Support Group wants you to know that it is here for you to share your loss and loneliness. We can now meet one-to-one outdoors and we hope very soon to be able to meet in a group to share confidentially with others in a similar situation and with trained group members.

If you would like to talk to one of us, please feel welcome to call Sadie Smith on 020 8946 5198 or email sadiesmith3@talktalk.net.

EDGE HILL PLAYERS

Once again, the Edge Hill Players will be treading the virtual boards with their latest streamed show: *SpringAlong* will be streamed via the group's website edgehillplayers.com from 7pm on Saturday 1 May.

What a great opportunity to enjoy the Bank Holiday weekend watching talented actors and actresses from across the parish performing a variety of Spring-themed songs, poems and skits. There will also be an opportunity to donate to the Dons Local Action Group, a network of local volunteers, in partnership with the AFC Wimbledon Foundation providing practical support to tackle food, furniture and digital poverty in the Wimbledon and wider south London community.

And in other very exciting news from the Edge Hill Players, we can report that the group has won not one but two prestigious awards from NODA (National Operatic and Dramatic Association), a charity for amateur theatre societies which operates across the UK and Ireland.

The first award, the **NODA Nigel Gravette Award for Best Performance in a Pantomime** has been awarded to Peter Lindsay for his performance as Donald de Pfeffle McDonald in the EHP's pantomime of *Snow White and the Magnificent Seven*, which was performed at the beginning of 2020, just before the coronavirus pandemic hit. The second award, **NODA Flame Award**, has been given to the group as a whole '*For Inspirational Contribution to the Pursuit of Excellence in Theatre*'. And whilst both awards are very well deserved, the NODA Flame award truly reflects the community ethos of the group; that is to offer affordable entertainment for all the family and community.

Once the church and halls are able to reopen the group plans to display the winning trophies and certificates for everyone to see. The group also hopes the award success

will encourage even more people to take part in future productions (www.edgehillplayers.com).

GRIEF TO GRACE - 14 EDGE HILL

The (registered) charity *Grief to Grace* has now leased the building at 14 Edge Hill, the former Loyola House, from the Jesuit Community, for at least the next 3 years to run their programmes of healing for sexual and other abuse survivors. They run programmes of integrated spiritual and psychological healing for those affected by trauma, especially survivors of clergy abuse.

There are opportunities for employment/volunteering at 14 Edge Hill; flexibility, confidentiality and sensitivity are essential. *Grief to Grace* is seeking to employ a suitably qualified and experienced cook/housekeeper (25 hrs/week, plus some over-time) and a PT administrator (initially 17.5 hrs/week) to join the small team running their new Wimbledon retreat facility named 'The Garden Enclosed', commencing July. Volunteer skills (e.g. gardening, DIY) are also needed.

In addition, they would like to enrol prayer partners to support their ministry. Safeguarding is their priority, so their Safe Recruitment protocols require enhanced DBS checks and references for employees and volunteers. For more information about the charity please visit www.griefftoGraceuk.org. For further job descriptions, or to ask about volunteering or to arrange an informal chat, please email info@griefftoGraceuk.org in confidence.

JESUIT MISSIONS - LONDON MARATHON

Run in the London Marathon for Jesuit Missions!

This year's London Marathon has been rescheduled for Sunday 3 October 2021. Since its founding, the marathon has been an important fundraising event to support the work of Jesuit Missions UK, the international development office of the Jesuits in Britain. If running is not your thing, why not volunteer to help on the day? For more information or to get involved please contact: joelene@jesuitmissions.org.uk.

VACANCIES

DONHEAD PREPARATORY SCHOOL is seeking to recruit a Clerk to assist the governing body of the school (immediate start). The role involves preparing and servicing the meetings of the governors and assisting the Chair with the administration of the governance of the school. For further information about how to apply or an informal chat about the role, please contact Sian Buckley, PA to the Headmaster, headmasterpa@donhead.org.uk. Closing date: Thursday 6 May 10am.

ST JOSEPH'S ROMAN CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL, Kingston is seeking an exceptional Headteacher from September 2021 to make their *Good* school *Outstanding*. Full details are available from the school's website <https://www.stjosephs.kingston.sch.uk/vacancies>.

LONDON CITIZENS MAYORAL ASSEMBLY

Over 5,300 Londoners attended last Wednesday's online London Citizens' Mayoral Assembly. For more information on the issues and the pledges raised during the Zoom event please email dthurst52@gmail.com.

Every blessing on you all.

Canon John

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THIS WEEK

Sat	1 May	6.30pm	Jules Gegg RIP
Mon	3 May	10.00am	Dan O'Brian 90 th Birthday
Tue	4 May	10.00am	Margaret Brennan Ints.
		6.30pm	Private Intentions
Wed	5 May	10.00am	Marie-Madeleine Nyebe Thanksgiving
		6.30pm	Private Intentions
Thu	6 May	10.00am	Cyril Santhiapillay RIP
		6.30pm	Patricia Wilbraham RIP
Fri	7 May	10.00am	Michael Wiggins RIP
		6.30pm	Rose Webber RIP
Sat	8 May	10.00am	Sarah Lobo RIP
		6.30pm	George Staussi Birthday

SAFEGUARDING

It is the policy of the Catholic Church in England and Wales to report all allegations of abuse to statutory authorities, regardless of whether the abuse occurred recently or in the past, or whether the accused person is living or deceased. If you are concerned about the welfare of a child or adult at risk, do not delay in contacting the police, using 999 if a child or adult is believed to be in immediate danger. Further safeguarding information can be found on the parish website.

HOSPITAL CONTACTS

If you or a member of your family are admitted to one of the local hospitals, do please let the hospital's Catholic chaplain know.

St George's Hospital: Fr Mark Higgins (020 8725 3069).

St Heliers and Epsom Hospital: Fr Philip Pak (020 8296 2000)

Kingston Hospital: Fr Tony Oleh (020 8546 7711)